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A NEW REFORMATION

(From "The Beginning of An Era," by E. Stanley Jones, noted missionary to India and a member of the National Preaching Mission staff)

"When I asked Harnack, the great German scholar, what the Christian solution of a certain problem was, he replied: 'Christianity provides no solutions; it gives a goal and power to move on to that goal.' That is our position and outlook. We believe we see the goal and we believe that men can get hold of the power to move on to that goal. That goal is the **Kingdom of God on earth**.

"That we need both a goal and a power, and need them desperately, is seen from the following diagnosis of our national need by a very acute observer, who says: 'We are suffering from a three-fold malady—first, lack of direction; second, lack of motivation; third, poor morale.'

"**First, a lack of direction**—Many of the external authorities, the Church, the Bible, the family, the State, have weakened in many minds and it has left them with no sense of direction.

"**Second, a lack of motivation**—Many of the old motives in religion and morals are gone or going, the desire for heaven, the fear of hell, the burden of evil. These motivations have become dimmed and nothing has arisen to take their place.

"**Third, poor morale**—With the loss of the sense of direction and confused motivation, the moral and spiritual morale is at a low ebb.

"Into this situation we would step and say, with a certainty born out of the fires of severe testing, that we have in the **Kingdom of God on earth** and the power of Christ both the goal and the power to move on to that goal. Here we feel we are on sure ground. We are sure that we shall have the boldness to ask, and to ask in no mere perfunctory way, that we as a nation take the goal of the **Kingdom of God on earth** as our goal, that we seek to know what it means, what its implications are both in the individual and in the collective life in the way of economic and social reconstruction and in the very temper of our national life.

"We have come to the end of an era. The hour for the beginning of a **New Reformation** has come. . . . We must confess our faith that underneath the confusion and uncertainty of this hour is a deep undercurrent of hunger in the hearts of our countrymen for reality, for power to lift men out of themselves and their sins, for the coming of an order in which injustices shall be rooted out, in which there shall be brotherhood that shall extend to the total life—economic, social and political."

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The Bishop's Page

Let's go forward. Every one pray. Every one give. Everyone love. Do you believe that the Gospel of Christ is the one great hope of the world? We all do. Let's help to make that come true!

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I write this immediately upon my return from a hurried three-weeks' trip to the East. In New York there were meetings of two of our commissions and two committees, all coming within three or four days. There was a sermon at the General Seminary and there were many incidental things to do. From New York I went to Evans-ton for the meeting of the House of Bishops and the conference of the Anglican Bishops of the Western Hemisphere, which is a very ponderous-sounding description but means the Bishops of the Church of England in Canada and the Bishops of the West Indies. After another commission meeting on Monday, the 12th, the devotional service which opened the House of Bishops meeting and a dinner to the Bishops, we began on Tuesday the sessions of the House. On Thursday morning we elected Missionary Bishops—Archdeacon Ziegler of Chicago to be Bishop of Wyoming, Dr. Atwill of St. Paul to be Bishop of North Dakota and Dean Beal of Los Angeles to be Bishop of the Canal Zone. Archdeacon Ziegler and Dr. Atwill were nominated by the Provincial Synod of the Sixth Province, to which both Dioceses belong.

The Canal Zone is a place of strategic importance in the work of the Church. It is greatly to be hoped that the Dean of Los Angeles Cathedral, in spite of the sacrifice that it involves, may see his way clear to accept.

After these elections the House adjourned and the conference with our brethren from Canada and the West Indies began. The conference dealt with the two great and intimately related subjects, "The Western Hemisphere and World Peace" and "The Western Hemisphere and the Missionary Work of the Church." The carefully prepared addresses were of a very high order and the discussions which followed most interesting and full of suggestion and inspiration. It would be impossible in this column to touch upon their content but I want now to speak of three matters with which the House of Bishops concerned itself and to close with a quotation from one of the visiting Bishops at the conference.

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The Bishops have sent out a message to the Church. It is not a pastoral letter. There is no canonical obligation upon the clergy to read it to their congregations but I earnestly hope that the people of every congregation in this Diocese may hear it. It is brief and very much to the point. The first matter that it brings to the attention of our people is the missionary program of the Church. It points out that we must go forward, not back; it points out that everywhere economic conditions are improving and that now is the time for people to give to the Church's Program in amounts depending "not upon impulse but upon income."

We in this Diocese must do our part. God has done much for us. Nowhere in the world has He showered

upon men more of His blessings. With grateful hearts let us give to Him from Whom all comes and to Whom we give but His own.

The Bishops also refer to the very great help which has come to the Church through the Forward Movement. Their words need to be heard in all our congregations, that all may realize what inspiring leadership God has given us in the Forward Movement Commission and its work.

To speak of those two matters is only, as it were, to underline the words about them in the message. Outside the message, but in the thought of the Bishops, was also the National Preaching Mission and the opportunity which it gives us to co-operate with our fellow Christians and to find still further inspiration in our march forward. The mission in the bay cities is on November 8, 9 and 10. Later dates for other places in this Diocese but almost everywhere there will be an opportunity. Let us all take our part with prayer, attendance and some missionary work in bringing others to hear the message of the gospel.

And now for the quotation with which I close. The most searching of all the addresses at the Bishops' Conference was made by the Bishop of Nassau, telling of his work in the West Indies. Handicapped by poverty, in islands scattered over a wide area, with only a third of the clergy whom he needs, with disaster after disaster to meet at the very beginning of his work, he and his small group of fellow workers have gone steadily forward with profound faith that the work of God can be done with the help of God, even if what seemed to us the necessary means are lacking. Prayer and utter self-sacrificing devotion can work miracles. "Indeed," said the Bishop, speaking of the pressing need upon him to be here, there and everywhere, a human impossibility, "I have learned that there is one way by which a man can be in two places at the same time and that is the way of prayer."

Is not that a penetrating and inspiring thought? Can we not, in this Diocese, handicapped as it seems by lack of money and workers, although we have so much, win through and do God's work by the power of prayer?

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Whatever else we do on Armistice Day, let us all pray for the peace of the world. Taking the thought given by the Bishop of Nassau, let us put ourselves into unhappy Spain, into troubled China—yes, everywhere the gospel of peace is needed. Let us pray for the peace of the world.

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There has recently appeared a book by Professor Latourette of Yale Divinity School with the title below. It has the finest description which I know of the great contributions made to the civilization of the world by the missionary movements of the last century. I do not believe that any Christian could read that part of the book without realizing how in giving to that work he has done something which has counted enormously. I can not imagine that even the most hard-boiled, unchristian Christian who says he

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Diocese of California

Coming Events

- November 1-8—Preaching Mission, Trinity Church, San Francisco; Bishop Spencer.
- 2—All Saints Day Service, Cypress Lawn.
- 2—Parish Dinner, All Saints Church, San Francisco.
- 2—Meeting of Directors, City Mission Society.
- 4—Meeting Department of Social Service, at 12:15 p. m.
- 4—Meeting Department of Religious Education.
- 8—Armistice Day Service, Grace Cathedral, 4:00 p. m.
- 8-11—National Preaching Mission, Bay Area.
- 18—Churchmen's Round Table; Department Publicity; Field Department.
- 20—Department Missions Meeting, 12:00; Diocesan Council Meeting, 2:00 p. m.
- 26—Thanksgiving Service, Grace Cathedral.
- 29-December 6—Preaching Mission, St. Paul's, Oakland; Dean Quainton.

St. Elizabeth's Guild Requests Gifts

St. Elizabeth's Guild of Grace Cathedral is busy preparing their contribution to the Christmas boxes for the inmates of Laguna Honda Home. Mrs. M. B. Bray, who has had charge of this work for several years, is ready to make the necessary purchases and will greatly appreciate it if donations of money to this splendid work of the Church can be sent her, by November 1, to the Berkshire Apartments, San Francisco.

Rev. C. J. Hulsewe Injured

The Rev. Carel J. Hulsewe, vicar of St. James Church, Paso Robles, was painfully but not seriously injured when his car skidded on a wet highway and crashed against a bridge abutment near King City. He was returned to his home by the Rev. Frederick G. Hicks of King City. The car was badly damaged but was fully covered by insurance. He was alone in the car at the time of the accident.

Preaching Mission, Trinity, San Francisco

The Preaching Mission at Trinity Church, San Francisco, will begin on Sunday, November 1, when Bishop Spencer will preach at the services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. It will continue on each week night except Saturday at 8:00 p. m. It will end on Sunday, November 8, at the morning service, 11:00 a. m.

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doesn't believe in foreign missions could read it without admitting that he has not known anything about the essential facts. The latter part of the book deals with the future of missions and points out the continuing necessity for this work upon the part of the older churches. The book is eminently worth while. I commend it to the people of the Diocese, with the hope that it may help some of them to more sustained prayer and gifts than ever.

Trinity Church, Hayward

Trinity Church, Hayward, held special golden jubilee celebration services and other activities from Sunday, October 18, to Sunday, November 1, inclusive, under the leadership of the vicar, the Rev. James M. Malloch. At the services on October 18 Mr. Malloch preached a special sermon on "Making Morality Moral."

At the service on All Saints Day, Bishop Parsons was the preacher. Following the morning service a golden jubilee basket luncheon was held, at which guests of honor included the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the Dean of Convocation, visiting clergy, ministers of other churches in Hayward and representatives of the city and county.

Trinity Church occupies a strategic position in the southern part of Alameda County and Mr. Malloch has presented a challenging program for the development of that parish. Congratulations and good wishes to both vicar and people of Trinity Church, Hayward.

Field Department

The diocesan Field Department has sent out, on request, nearly 10,000 copies of the leaflet "Facing the Future." It had been hoped that another leaflet might have been prepared but the cost of printing the first has more than used up the department's budget.

At present the department is most interested in the present Every Member Canvass and in trying to raise funds to balance the 1936 diocesan budget. In this it is having some success.

The department is now considering a plan to have a team go through the Diocese and visit every parish and mission, to tell about the work of the Church.

The National Council is reprinting pages 449 to 464 and page 442 of the October "The Spirit of Missions" and will send copies for \$1.50 per hundred prepaid. This pamphlet will give a very good picture of the National Council's work and should be put into the hands of those who will be canvassed this fall.

St. Paul's Church, Oakland

A Forward Movement Committee of Seventy for the National Preaching Mission and After has been formed in St. Paul's, Oakland. Its members will interest others in attending services and meetings when the national team of preachers visits Oakland, November 8 to 11. They will also help in preparing for the eight days' preaching mission in St. Paul's Church from November 29 to December 6, when the Very Rev. Dean Quainton, D. D., will preach at evening services daily (except Saturday) at 8:00 o'clock. The committee has been invited to make and discuss suggestions for advancing the Church's work in the parish after the preaching mission is over.

Annual Sale at St. Mary the Virgin

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Steiner and Union streets, San Francisco, will have its annual sale in the guild room, November 14, from 2:00 to 9:00 o'clock—fancy work, home made cakes, jellies and candy. Tea and ice cream will be served. Games for children. Those in charge of the sale are Mrs. E. Torney, Miss Octavia Holden, Misses Susan and Helen Marvine, Mrs. G. C. Macdonald, Mrs. Lewis Stanton.

The Archdeacon's Letter

Dear Friends in the Diocese of California:

Many thanks for all your kind messages during the time I was compelled to skip engagements and take it easily. It was certainly a hardship after having asked the Diocese to rush me off my feet to be taken so literally. To those with whom I had engagements that I had to cancel I offer my sincere apologies.

There seem to be certain dates that are more popular than others. Why should three places want me the same evening and none the day before or the day after? Now if we could find the reason for this it would help the Field Department to arrange schedules. I hope the department won't feel exhausted when I tell them of the plans that ran through my mind while I was keeping quiet.

Some folk use the radio a lot. Generally I have little opportunity to tune in but during the two weeks of October 3-17 I heard political speeches and religion talks galore. If I had not heard so many political speakers I might be able to tell the readers of The Pacific Churchman how to vote. Truly a democracy does put a responsibility and obligation on its citizens. As to the various religious programs I can't say that they were all helpful. Too many speakers have a sort of cajoling or a whimpering voice.

The National Preaching Mission is the item of greatest interest now. The San Francisco Bay area will have to bestir itself if the mission is to be a help. There has not been an energetic response to the preparatory efforts. The few days left after this issue of The Pacific Churchman is received should be zealously seized. When preparing for the Eight-day Preaching Mission it will be well for the parishes to have a generous supply of the Advent-Christmas "Forward Day by Day" for distribution to those who come to the mission. Send the orders well in advance. Send cash and save the shipping charges. Dr. Karl Block, a member of the Forward Movement Commission, will be on the team of the National Preaching Mission to visit San Francisco.

Cordially,

W. R. H. HODGKIN, Archdeacon.

Objects of Little Helpers Offerings

The Little Helpers offering, given by the children of the Church who are not old enough to attend Church School, started in 1891 when Miss Mary Hart of Rochester, N. Y., and her little nephew, Gaylord Hart Mitchell, made the first forty offering boxes and distributed them among their friends. Every gift for the box was accompanied by the prayer: "God bless all the missionaries all over the world and all the little helpers, for Jesus' sake. Amen." This offering of prayer and gifts is now shared by thousands of little children throughout the Church.

The first object of the offering is the Little Helpers bed at St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, N. C. Healthy babies are one of the nation's greatest assets and this applies to babies of all the races which comprise our population. In many parts of the South there are negro homes of one or two rooms where it is impossible to give proper care to a sick child. St. Agnes Hospital, with its hundred beds, serves a large area and is considered one of the best hospitals for negroes in the South. In the children's ward, which is always full, the children receive the best medical and surgical attention, good nursing, fresh air and nourishing food. For this splendid work \$500 is appropriated annually from the Little Helpers offering.

The kindergarten is one of the most effective ways of helping the Japanese people. In the Christian kin-

dergartens little Japanese children are learning to know and love the Father, to be brave and helpful, jolly and gay. Many of these children will later present themselves for baptism and confirmation in the Christian Church and will help to lay strong foundations for the new Japan which is arising from the old.

Our Church appropriates \$8,000 annually for the support of twenty-nine kindergartens, some of which are open every day while others are open only on certain days or at special seasons of the year. The Little Helpers offering provides a large part of this sum.

The Little Helpers bed and the gift for the support of Japanese kindergartens are regular current expense items in the budget of the National Council and, therefore, count on the parish quota.

The primary object of every offering is not the bed, the school or the Church building which it provides but the feeling of fellowship between those who give and those who receive, in the common purpose of making Christ known to all the world. The Little Helpers also give a baptismal font annually to some mission.

Suggestions for family worship may be obtained from the leader in your parish who is concerned with the religious education of pre-school children. This leader is also ready to suggest helpful books for parents to read and will be glad to assist you in every way in the religious education of your very little children.

All Saints Church, Watsonville

All Saints Parish, Watsonville, held an eight-day preaching mission, October 4-11, with the Rev. John Compton Leffler of St. John's Church, Ross, as the missionary. The results of the mission were most encouraging, due in no small measure to the very careful planning for it directed by the rector, the Rev. Allan W. Geddes, and his corps of workers.

The theme of the mission was "This Thing Called Christianity." This main topic was subdivided into the topics for the evening services which dealt with the Christian's relationship with the individual, with the family, with the Church, with pleasures, with business, with the Nation, with the world. There was a celebration of the holy communion each morning and an afternoon mission for children at 4:00 o'clock. Attendance showed a remarkable increase as the mission progressed. The mission was so conducted as to appeal to the "nominal" Episcopalian and the non-church people of the community.

At the close of the mission Mr. Leffler made the following recommendations: Continuation of prayer groups; discussion of the Forward Movement leaflet, "Proving Prayer;" discussion groups, with membership based on group or occupational interests; a personal evangelism training group; continued visitation of non-church people who did not respond to the invitations to the mission services.

The rector, Mr. Geddes, reports that he is convinced that All Saints Parish has participated in a profoundly spiritual and worth-while work and that with reasonable attention to the follow-up details the parish shall, under God's blessing, reap a harvest in the months to come.

All Saints' Day Service

The Eucharistic service for All Saints' Day will be held in the Chapel Beautiful at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park on Monday, November 2, at 11:00 a. m. Bishop Parsons will be the preacher. The offerings will be devoted to the purchase price of the Church plot.

Convocation of San Jose

The fall meeting of the Convocation of San Jose met in St. Stephen's Church, San Luis Obispo, on October 13. The meeting started with a service of the holy communion at which the Rev. Frederick G. Hicks, vicar at King City, was the preacher. Dr. Mark Rifenbark, dean of the Convocation, was celebrant; the Rev. Frederick H. Avery, rector of St. Stephen's Church, was epistoler and the Rev. Charles R. Greenleaf of Pacific Grove was gospeler.

Following the service the business session was held, at which the Convocation officers were elected. Dean Rifenbark was re-elected dean and the Rev. David T. Gillmor was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Acting upon an appeal sent out by leaders of the Anglican, Wesleyan and United Church of India who are attempting to work out a plan of organic church unity based upon the Lambeth Quadrilateral, the Rev. Charles R. Greenleaf of Pacific Grove introduced the following resolutions: "Resolved, that the Convocation of San Jose, in the Diocese of California, send to the Bishop of Dornakal and those of other communions associated with him in promoting the South India plan, greetings in Christ and a vote of confidence with regard to their labors in trying to bring into being the goal of the Lambeth Quadrilateral through the proposed South India plan. Resolved, that the Dean of the Convocation present this or a similar resolution, on behalf of the Convocation, to the next Diocesan Convention." After being referred to a committee composed of the Rev. Lindley H. Miller, the Rev. Norman H. Snow and Mr. Brown of Redwood City—who reported favorably on them—the resolutions were passed by the Convocation. The resolutions came with timely effect inasmuch as at the time they were passed the Anglican Bishops of the Western Hemisphere were meeting in Chicago to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the formulation of the Lambeth Quadrilateral.

After a presentation, at the afternoon session, of the coming National Preaching Mission, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Convocation favor sponsoring the move within the convocational limits. Mrs. Florence Bromberger, director of the Department of Social Welfare, San Luis Obispo, gave a paper on "The Social Security Program." An interesting discussion period followed. The Rev. Allan Geddes gave a report on the recent mission at All Saints Church, Watsonville. Miss Avis Harvey, diocesan director of Religious Education, gave a fine talk on "Religious Education and Evangelism," which was enjoyed by all.

At the Woman's Auxiliary hour—at which Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, convocational president, presided—an interesting panel discussion was presented by Mrs. William O'Donnell of Monterey, who spoke on "Missions;" Miss Lydia Weld of Carmel, who spoke on "Social Welfare;" and Mrs. Willard W. Wheeler, who gave a "Statement of Faith." Mrs. Vera Peck Millis of Carmel introduced the panel discussion.

At the dinner meeting the Rev. Enoch Jones of Gilroy spoke of his experience as a reserve naval chaplain and the Rev. Oscar Green of Palo Alto presented a report on the local option situation in California and the proposed legislation.

This was the first time the Convocation had met in San Luis Obispo, which is the southernmost parish within its limits. Yet, in spite of the distance, more than one hundred persons attended its various sessions and the guests were delighted with the splendid hospitality shown them by the parish and its rector, the Rev. Frederick H. Avery. The next meeting of the Convocation will be held in Burlingame.

Convocation of San Francisco

The Convocation of San Francisco was held in St. James Church, San Francisco, Thursday, October 15. The new rector of St. James, the Rev. Harold Brewster, extended a warm welcome to the Convocation. The preacher at the opening service was the Rev. Henry P. Veazie, rector of St. Francis Church, San Francisco.

Interesting reports were made as follows: St. Andrew's Inn, by Mr. J. W. Adams; St. Dorothy's Rest, by Mrs. J. O. Lincoln; Daughters of the King, by Mrs. E. Roth; Menlo Park Conference, by Mr. M. A. Thomas and Gen. R. H. Noble.

The following subjects were presented, following which discussions were held: "What Could Churches Do to Preserve Peace?" by Dr. Stanley A. Hunter; "Preaching Missions," by the Rev. Dr. Donald Brookman; "The Forward Movement," by Dean Buttrum; "City Missions," by the Rev. F. K. Howard; "The House of Young Churchmen," by Mr. J. Pestoni; "The House of Churchwomen," by Miss Harriett B. Bakewell; "The Field Department," by Mr. H. Robert Braden; "The Oxford Group," by Mrs. H. M. Sherman; "The Laymen's League," by Attorney Thomas R. Rogers.

Archdeacon Hodgkin spoke on "The Financial Side of the Forward Movement" and the Rev. Edward Morgan spoke on "Church Conditions in England."

Convocation of Oakland

The Convocation of Oakland was held at Christ Church, Alameda, on Tuesday, October 20. The preacher at the opening services was the Rev. Canon Lewis D. Gottschall, rector of St. Peter's Church, Oakland.

At the afternoon session a most interesting symposium was held concerning the coming preaching mission. The speakers and topics for the symposium were as follows: "Its Specific Objects," the Rev. Ronald Merrix, rector of St. Paul's Church, Oakland; "The Preparation of the Congregation," the Rev. J. Lindsey Patton, rector of St. Mark's Church, Berkeley; "Holding the Mission," the Rev. B. F. Bliel, vicar of Grace Mission, Martinez; "After the Mission, What?" the Rev. Henry H. Shires, dean of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley; "The Rule of Life," Dean J. Henry Thomas, rector of St. Clement's Church, Berkeley, and dean of the Convocation of Oakland.

At the regular meeting of the Convocation, among the reports was a special report by the Rev. James M. Malloch, vicar of Trinity Church, Hayward. In his report Mr. Malloch outlined the activities of that parish during the past two years and a program for future development.

Welcome to Father Otis

The Rev. Charles P. Otis, S. S. J. E., recently on the staff of St. Mary the Virgin, New York, has been re-elected as rector of the Church of the Advent, San Francisco. During a previous rectorship of the Church of the Advent, Father Otis endeared himself to both clergy and laity of the Diocese and is heartily welcomed back to California.

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Cathedral Notes

At a meeting of the directors of the corporation of Grace Cathedral the Rev. Edward Morgan was elected an honorary canon. Canon Morgan will be in residence at the Cathedral as the special preacher during October and November. A host of friends will rejoice in the distinction that has come to him after many years of devoted service in the ministry of the Episcopal Church both, here and abroad. He was ordained to the ministry by the late Bishop Nichols, after completing his preparation in the first class to graduate from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. From 1898 to 1905 Canon Morgan was rector of St. Paul's Church, Bakersfield. In 1907 he became rector of St. Luke's Church, San Francisco.

On All Saints Day, November 1, the dedication of the "bishop's door" in the north transept and a memorial service will be held at 3:30 p. m. The door is the gift of Mrs. John Furlong, in memory of her mother, Katherine Cotton Neilson.

The annual armistice memorial service will be held on Sunday, November 8, at 4:00 p. m. All veteran organizations have been invited to attend. The preacher will be the Rev. Harold S. Brewster, rector of St. James Church, San Francisco. Special Armistice Day music will be rendered by Grace Cathedral Choir, following the fine traditions of former years.

At the Thanksgiving Day service at 10:30, November 26, the congregations of Trinity Parish and the Chinese and Japanese missions will unite with the Cathedral congregation. The Bishop will be the preacher at this service.

Since the last issue of The Pacific Churchman work has been resumed on the north tower of the Cathedral. Additional concrete work has been done and on the afternoon of October 13 the first steel girder was put in position.

Cycle of Prayer for November

On the days specified in the following the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at the altar of Grace Cathedral on Wednesdays at 10:30 a. m. and on Thursdays at 7:30 a. m., with special prayer and thanksgiving for the congregation mentioned for that day and for the clergy in charge: Thursday, November 5—St. Elizabeth's Chapel at the Old Ladies Home, San Francisco; Wednesday, November 11—St. Luke's, Hollister; E. R. L. Jones; Thursday, November 12—St. Matthew's, Berkeley; G. E. Weagant; Thursday, November 19—St. John the Evangelist, San Francisco; A. G. Clarke, lay reader; Monday, November 30—St. Andrew's Inn, San Francisco.

Oakland Convocation Churchmen Activities

On Monday, October 19, at 6:30 p. m., the monthly dinner of men of the Episcopal Church was held at Stephens Restaurant, 200 East Fourteenth street, Oakland. The speaker was the dean of the Convocation, Rev. J. H. Thomas, who spoke about plans for the preaching mission to be held in the very near future and in which the men are expected to have a conspicuous part.

The monthly evening service under the auspices of men of the Episcopal Church was held at St. James Episcopal Church, Twelfth avenue and Foothill boulevard, Sunday evening at 7:45, October 18. The preacher was Canon L. D. Gottschall, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. After the service, refreshments were served in the guild hall and musical selections offered by Miss Martha Endriss, accomplished violinist. Slides of old missions and other landmarks of the State were shown, with appropriate explanations.

Ninth Annual Laymen's Conference

The ninth annual Laymen's Conference—at Menlo School and Junior College, September 5, 6 and 7—was a decided success. The attendance was better than last year, being thirty-seven for full time and thirty-one for part time, making a total of sixty-eight men in attendance. The delegates began to arrive early in the afternoon of the 5th and there were about forty on hand at dinner.

Mr. Lowry S. Howard, president of Menlo School and Junior College, had everything in readiness and the delegates were promptly shown to their quarters and made comfortable. The welcome given by Mr. Howard and the responses at the dinner session were in accordance with the spirit of the conference and it moved forward from that point. Those who were in attendance were stimulated by the first regular session, which opened at 8:00 p. m. on Saturday, with Mr. H. C. Wyckoff of All Saints, Watsonville, presiding.

The keynote address by Bishop Parsons, having particular reference to the topic "Turn" of the Forward Movement, furnished a good foundation upon which to build. He made the point that Christians who might be required to turn are divided into three classes—those who are headed for the wrong objective and will be required to make a complete right-about-face, those who are going generally in the right direction but are disposed to wander off on side paths and need self-examination to steady them and set them right, and those who think they know the way but do not and who dash along without a road map. They should take up their Bibles and get back to Church. He closed with the injunction so much needed in our complex living of today: "Make your recreation congruous with discipleship."

Mr. Ellsworth Johnson, with the topic "Follow," made the point that "turn" is instantaneous but "follow" is continuous. We see Christ face to face but are really following behind his back and we should follow continuously, like St. Francis the troubadour of God, and not turn aside at the shadow of the cross. Mr. Johnson advocated a positive program in which we should look at the virtues and not always at their antitheses, mapping a constructive course, accepting responsibility and living more vitally under them.

The open forum that followed developed some differences of opinion as to the emphasis which should be given to various parts of the Church service, some advocating more prayer, some more music and some more and better preaching. Mr. Lowry S. Howard closed the discussion with the observation that all were in agreement as to the ultimate end—that is, a more reverent service—but disagreed only as to the method.

After family prayers Mr. Percy Woodhouse entertained with a character sketch which all enjoyed.

After celebration of the holy communion at Trinity Church and breakfast at the school dining room, the conference entered upon its second regular session Sunday morning with Mr. George I. Rhoda of Trinity, San Jose, presiding. Those present will long remember the address of Dr. H. Rushton Fairclough of All Saints, Palo Alto, on the topics "Learn" and "Pray." Passing over the obvious methods of learning, Dr. Fairclough emphasized the fact that we learn by prayer and meditation. His discussion of the French translation of the third beatitude—"Blessed are the debonair"—was an intellectual treat.

The thoughtful address by Mr. Philip Adams of Trinity, San Francisco, followed and the delegates will long remember his emphasis on the discipline of prayer, its purposes and its various attributes.

Archdeacon W. R. H. Hodgkin presented a carefully

worked out treatment of the diocesan mission field, with maps, facts and figures.

Mr. Herbert Trinius of Incarnation, San Francisco, was luncheon host and as chairman of the recreation committee announced the games for the afternoon, the principal event being a baseball game between San Francisco delegates and those outside the city. The outsiders won. There were also games of horseshoes and tennis. The swimming tank was a constant source of pleasure.

At 4:30 p. m. Sunday the Lay Readers Association held their annual meeting and they conducted vesper services at 7:30. Mr. J. J. Dunlop of Trinity, Menlo Park, presided and Rev. Ralph P. Smih, rector of Trinity Church, Menlo Park, the official chaplain of the conference, preached the sermon. The chaplain always gives men at the conference something to think about, just a little out of the ordinary, and his sermon Sunday evening was no exception.

At 8:45 p. m. Sunday the Young Churchmen, led by Mr. J. G. Pestoni of St. Paul's Oakland, conducted the meeting, the subject being "Serve" and "Worship." The older men in attendance were particularly gratified by the presence and participation of so many of the younger men, there being about fifteen in attendance during the entire conference. Mr. Arthur Ellis of St. Paul's, Oakland; Mr. Henry Shires of St. Mark's, Berkeley; Mr. Robert Rost and Mr. Wilfred Castle of Trinity, San Francisco, and Mr. Leckey of Incarnation, San Francisco, were the principal speakers. They furnished one of the most interesting sessions of the conference and the well-prepared address by Mr. Shires would have done credit to any group of churchmen, whether of the clergy or laymen.

The session at 9:30 Monday morning was presided over by Mr. Percy Woodhouse, substituting for Major A. G. Clarke, who was unable to attend. The subject was "Share" and Mr. Woodhouse caught the spirit of the topic at once and participation in the open forum was spontaneous, enthusiastic and particularly helpful.

At 11:30 Monday morning the conference accomplished something which the men had been looking forward to for several years. It devoted an hour to the subject of Church music. Rev. H. P. Veazie of St. Francis, San Francisco, and Mr. J. Sidney Lewis of Grace Cathedral, each made interesting and instructive addresses, emphasizing the importance of participation in singing by the congregation as an important part of Church worship. They also stressed the importance of learning new songs and urged that all singing, whether by the soloist in the choir or by the congregation should be done reverently as a part of the beautiful Episcopal Church service.

The conference concluded with luncheon and farewells. On every hand there was in evidence a determination on the part of those who were in attendance to return next year and bring others with them.

Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. Alfred Reed gave one of her most interesting book reviews in the Auxiliary room of the diocesan house on September 30. These book reviews are a part of the educational program presented by Mrs. B. F. Nourse, educational secretary, and those who do not attend them miss a great treat. This time Mrs. Reed read selections from "My Great, Wide, Beautiful World" by Juanita Harrison. Miss Harrison is a colored woman who in 1927, at the age of 36, started out to see the world. Serving in various capacities as maid, cook or servant she worked her way through twenty-two countries in Europe, Africa and Asia. The book is an account of her experiences and observations concerning them. It was chosen to fit in with one of the study topics for this year—the American negro. Tea was served by the Grace Cathedral Branch of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. B. F. Nourse, diocesan educational secretary, announces a forum on "Forwarding Missions," to be conducted by Miss Avis Harvey at Trinity Church, San Jose, on November 12. This is the third forum presented by the educational department. The first, on "Christian Citizenship," was given in San Francisco and the second, on "The Life of the Spirit," in Oakland Convocation. The bibliography is "Rethinking Missions," "The Missions of Tomorrow," by Kenneth Latourette, and "Missions in This Age," by Dr. Francis Wei. This last is the address given by Dr. Wei at the triennial in Atlantic City and may be obtained in pamphlet form at the Church Missions House, 281 Fourth avenue, New York City; price, 5 cents. The forum will open at 12:30 and all women of the Diocese are strongly urged to attend, bringing a box lunch. What do you think of missions? What do you know of missions in this Diocese?

United Thank Offering

By Alice E. Brown

While several parishes fell behind in the fall offering there were a number of splendid increases, so that the total amount is most encouraging. There is on hand so far \$1,778.76, which makes us \$1,160.33 more than at the same period three years ago. If we all work hard and strive to place more blue boxes I feel sure that we can come at least somewhere near our 1928 offering, which was \$10,000. We have given \$5,787.81 this triennial so far. During the year 1934 we gave \$3,226.83. If we do only as well in 1937 as we did in 1934 we will have \$8,903. But surely we are going forward! Will you all help?

All Saints Church, San Francisco

The first Sunday in November, All Saints Day, will be a red letter day for this parish. In addition to the regular morning services there will be a special evening service beginning at 7:30 p. m. Bishop Parsons will be present to confirm the 1936 class and to install the present rector, Rev. Dr. Paul Little, as rector of this parish. A beautiful memorial window, "The Annunciation," will be dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. Arthur Child. This window is the gift of members and friends of All Saints Parish. Following this service a reception will be held in the social hall in honor of the Bishop and the members of the confirmation class.

The aim of education should be to teach us how to think, rather than what to think; rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with the thoughts of other men.—Beattie.

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Oxford Group at Grace Cathedral

Of great significance in the work of the Church is the tremendous growth of a group of men and women, spiritually wholesome and psychologically sound, who are really helping within the Church to bring about a changed order, through a spiritual awakening.

This group, called the Oxford Group, made up of people of all ages, all walks of life and all denominations, were warmly welcomed to the Cathedral this month by Dean Gresham, to take over one of the vesper services at which a very carefully selected team witnessed.

The leader—Dr. H. P. Veazie, rector of St. Francis Parish, in St. Francis Wood—conducted the service. In his witness he told how he had found that the success or failure of his work had been dependent upon the degree to which he himself had become a God-controlled personality.

Dr. Veazie then introduced the first speaker, Mrs. M. B. Bray, a member of the Cathedral, who had just returned from the East, having spent two weeks at the International Assembly of the Oxford Group in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Afterward she traveled with the international team to different cities in the East and Canada.

Mrs. Bray sounded the keynote of the meeting in the words, "An awakened nation means nothing less than awakened individuals." After giving a graphic picture of the conventions at Cleveland and Philadelphia, contrasting them with the God-controlled assembly of thousands that met for two weeks in the peaceful Berkshire hills, the speaker said, in part: "The chaotic situation is one that is above party, race or creed. It is a moral issue in which all faiths are challenged—one in which we must bridge the gap between party, creed and race, and mobilize for a spiritual revolution."

Several political leaders from different political parties were quoted as all agreeing that some spiritual change must come over this country—that, in the opinion of one great leader, "There is no problem—social, political or economic—that would not melt away before the fire of a spiritual awakening."

"The group which started the spiritual revolution in Denmark and Norway, now God-controlled countries, made up of God-controlled individuals, is working in fifty countries today."

"Our country needs spiritually fit soldiers, living up to the standards of absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness and absolute love enrolled in an army for Christ to awaken America. The changed life of the individual means the changed life of the nation but the revolution must begin with you."

Mrs. Harriet Jones of Ross spoke of God control in the home. Commander David Scott of the United States Navy explained his ability to love his enemies by first changing his enemies into friends. Charles Shreve, a Stanford student, spoke of the efficiency of a God-directed life as experienced by himself. He was followed by Rev. Fred Scripp of Berkeley.

Others participating in the service were Deaconess Newell of St. Margaret's House, Berkeley, and Dr. Jason Noble Pierce of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco.

The Cathedral choir sang the thrilling "Bridge Builders" song as a recessional, in which the congregation heartily joined.

This is a day for fighting for God and for standing for righteousness as never before in our lives. It is a day when no Christian can honorably go through without the scars of a battle.

St. John's Church, Capitola

On Sunday, October 18, at the regular 11:00 o'clock service at St. John's Church, Capitola, a group of ten—including as leaders Miss Dolly Morgan and Mrs. Harold Jenkins, with also as candidates the Misses Helen Shaw, Daphne Crosson, Virginia Schmidt, Joan Miller, Vera Lundberg, Rosemary Totten, Gloria Kaas and Barbara De Witt—were duly admitted as charter members of the newly enrolled St. Elizabeth's Chapter of St. John's Church of the order of the Junior Daughters of the King, No. 300. The church was effectively decorated with baskets of flowers by several members of the group on the preceding day. An interesting part of the admission service proper was the group repeating the Daughters of the King motto, which was followed by their special hymn, "O Jesus I have promised to serve thee to the end," which was sung kneeling, with Rosemary Totten at the organ. Appropriate and helpful words of greeting were given by visiting guests and officers of the Daughters of the King, including Dr. Elisabeth B. Christiansen of San Francisco, diocesan president of the order; Miss Corabell Carlisle, directress of Bishop Parsons Chapter of All Saints Church, Palo Alto; together with Miss Lydia Adele Roth, diocesan president of the Junior Daughters of the King, and Mr. Edmond Roth, her father, both of Palo Alto. Regret was expressed that Mrs. Edmond Roth, diocesan junior directress and extension secretary, could not be present. The words of greeting were appropriately followed by a solo by Miss Lillian Waghorn, "Take time to be holy."

Miss Elfreda Evans, organist of St. John's Capitola, revealed her engagement to Paul Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Murray of Santa Cruz, at an afternoon party recently given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Evans, Buena Vista avenue, Santa Cruz. The wedding date for the couple is set for early in December.

Churchmen's Round Table

By C. K. Sutcliffe, Secretary

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the Churchmen's Round Table at the Stewart Hotel was called to order by President Stanton. The subject for discussion was "The Church School and Its Various Phases." There were three guest speakers in attendance—Messrs. George L. Potter, William T. Lewis and Robert S. Snyder. The short talks which they gave emphasized the important place which a properly-manned and conducted Church School can and does occupy in the hopes of mankind for the civilization of the future. Timely thoughts on the subject were also expressed by Messrs. Braden, Thomas, Woodhouse and Robertson.

Dr. H. H. Anderson of Trinity Parish, San Francisco, was present for the first time at a Round Table meeting. He will be a valuable addition to the group. Others included Messrs. Charles Gunn, Theo Dredge, G. E. Robinson and General Noble.

Every layman should mark the third Wednesday of each month on his calendar and plan, when possible, to attend these monthly luncheons at the Stewart Hotel, 353 Geary street, San Francisco.

As a help in getting regular family prayer started in the homes of all his parishioners, the Rev. John M. Poole, rector of St. Luke's, Fairview, Oregon, is going about holding such services, eight in one week, as the convenience of each family determines.

Religious Education

By Avis E. Harvey

Only twenty-six Church Schools of the Diocese have offered to take a part of the Christmas Box assignment for 1936. Is your school one of this number? Our gifts this year go in two opposite directions. We are to send across the country to fifteen negro missions some 500 gifts and across the Pacific to Japan \$30 which will be used to buy gifts for children in Japanese schools.

The following story material may help to make the project more interesting to the children: "The Negro Today,"—pamphlet, National Council, free; "Nicomdemus and His Grandpappy"—Inez Hogan, E. P. Dutton & Co., 1935, \$1; "The Family Goes Traveling"—Missionary Education Movement, 1936, paper, 35 cents; "We Sing America"—Marion Cuthbert, Missionary Education Movement, paper, 50 cents; "Twelve Negro Americans"—Mary Jenness, Missionary Education Movement, paper, 60 cents; "Our Japanese Friends"—Ruth I. Seabury, Missionary Education Movement, cloth, 75 cents; "Kin Chan and the Crab"—Converse and Wagner, Missionary Education Movement, cloth, 75 cents; "Directions for Making a Japanese House"—Missionary Education Movement, 25 cents; "Japan and Her People"—Ethel M. Hughes, paper, 60 cents; "Getting Acquainted with Japan"—Nona M. Diehl, 25 cents.

These suggestions are quoted from "Flashes in Religious Education," Card No. 90: (1) Pretend to adopt the children to whom the box is going and have a make-believe Christmas for them. (2) The day the gifts are bought have them presented at the altar and special missionary emphasis placed in the school worship service. (3) Preceding this introduce into the school service and classes all references possible to the field to which the box is to be sent; for example, an address by a boy or girl on the life of the people and certain classes to report on such aspects as history, home life, schools, industrial and agricultural life of the field and so forth. (4) Older boys and girls might make doll furniture and bed linens to go with the dolls in the box. (5) Simple play or pageant dealing with the field or about the leading mission worker there. (6) Write letters to children, to accompany the box, enclosing self-addressed envelopes for reply.

In planning for the Church School Christmas program have you considered a presentation of the Nativity with puppets? The following has been said about the Tom Thumb Players: "For the past few years the Tom Thumb Players have been presenting the Nativity with puppets and yet this is not exactly a new departure, for puppetry, as well as most of the arts, sprang up under the patronage of the Church and puppets were first introduced to create supernatural effects such as angels flying down from heaven and devils springing up out of hell's mouth. In fact, even the name 'marionettes' is derived from the little images of the Virgin Mary carried in religious processions. By means of modern lighting effects the star is made to appear to the shepherds as they bend over their miniature fire, the angel flies down from heaven bringing 'good tidings of great joy' and the 'three kings of Orient' sweep majestically by; Herod rants and rages, while Satan carries away his chosen victim. The text used in this performance is an old English manuscript adapted by Elisabeth Christy Hall, director of the Tom Thumb Players. The quaint language reproduces the mediaeval spirit, while the devotional atmosphere is enhanced by candle light, incense and the traditional carols. This little theatre may be brought to your

Church School at any point in the East Bay, Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, for \$10; San Francisco, Burlingame, San Mateo, for \$20. Further information may be obtained from Elisabeth Christy Hall, 5030 Golden Gate avenue, Oakland; telephone Humboldt 0695."

St. Luke's Hospital—An Appreciation

Canon L. B. Ridgely of Grace Cathedral, under date of October 20, writes as follows:

"As a grateful patient I want to express publicly my appreciation for the care and attention I have recently received at St. Luke's Hospital. Admirable order, wide-awake and constant watchfulness, friendly and interested willingness and constant cheerfulness seemed to pervade everywhere and gave an atmosphere that made my days there a real delight, in spite of the discomforts the patient has to bear. I want in this way to speak out my thanks to all—the management that took such trouble to make arrangements for me, the physicians who gave such a generous amount of time and of close attention and clever and efficient treatment to my case; the internes who worked just as devotedly and effectively with them; the nurses, such a fine and jolly staff (God bless them!) and with them the orderlies and all the other attaches, all so kind and efficient. And with this my thanks to those who founded and developed the hospital and to the Diocese that made it possible for me and other clergy to receive treatment there. And, above all, to our heavenly Father, Who has provided all this through His blessed Son, our Lord Jesus."

News from House of Bishops

The House of Bishops requested Bishop Graves of Shanghai, who has asked to be allowed to retire, to withhold his resignation until the meeting of General Convention in 1937.

The status of the Presiding Bishopric was discussed, with suggestions ranging from a metropolitan see with an archbishop to a presiding bishop who is merely a presiding officer. No action will be taken until General Convention.

Dr. John W. Torok, recently received as a bishop in and of the Episcopal Church by the Bishop of Eau Claire from the episcopate of the Serbian and Czechoslovakian Church, was denied this status by the House of Bishops, without any aspersions as to his character nor the validity of his orders.

Preaching Missions

Many parishes will be planning preaching missions to follow the National Preaching Mission during the latter half of November. The Forward Movement Committee has on file many excellent suggestions as to promotion, organization and follow-up methods in eight-day parochial missions which it will be glad to supply at cost of mimeographing to any rector or parish wishing same. Please communicate with Rev. John C. Leffler, Ross, California, if you wish this information.

East Bay Episcopal churches are invited to present services of praise with brief messages broadcast from the Chapel of the Chimes, California Crematorium and Columbarium, 4499 Piedmont avenue, Oakland. For information telephone Piedmont 0124.

No debts were incurred during the year by any institution or church in the district of Southern Brazil, although considerable building went on.

House of Young Churchmen

By Avis E. Harvey

The department of religious education of the House of Young Churchmen has decided that one of its first contributions to the work of young people in the Diocese of California can be suggestions concerning program building. Before any of our groups can constructively evaluate program material and before they can decide what kind of a program they desire it will be necessary for each group to determine what its objectives are. Besides its ultimate goal, each group should decide what its immediate objectives will be. Each program should fulfill, at least partially, an immediate goal and should carry the group one step nearer the ultimate.

It is a good idea for groups to occasionally think through or to re-think their purpose. There is a great danger in the fact that many times the statement which a group accepts as expressive of its purpose may have been formulated long ago by some one in a very different kind of group. If we use such a statement we must be sure that it has a special significance for us. There is danger, too, when a statement becomes formalized and without meaning although it may have had meaning when we made it. Sometimes we are so interested in and concerned about the immediate thing that we lose sight of our ultimate objective. For these reasons it is advisable that all of us should formulate a statement of our objective or objectives, that we should refer to it often and thoughtfully, that we should be willing to revise it as the attainment of one goal reveals another more distant and nobler.

In 1934 the Christian Youth Council of North America, assembled at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, prepared and signed a statement of Christian conviction. In that statement there appears this sentence: "We are determined, so far as possible, to live henceforth as if the Kingdom were now here." This is a condensed statement of objectives of the Christian Youth Council. Their next step was to build a program that would enable them to realize their goal. Their program is called "Christian Youth Building a New World." They knew that their activities must be in many fields if they were to succeed. They must build a new person, a new home, a new church, a new community, a new nation and finally a new world. Material has been prepared to aid groups in using this program. It may be had by sending to the International Council of Religious Education, 203 North Wabash avenue, Chicago.

Although as Christians our ultimate goal would certainly be similar to that of the Christian Youth Council our immediate objectives may or may not be the same. Three objectives for young people suggested by the Forward Movement are personal devotion, active discipleship and personal development. Objectives formulated by the Under-thirty Movement of the Church of England are: (1) To study Christianity and to learn how to pass on its message. (2) To learn how to live and enjoy a true Christian life. (3) To apply Christianity to all the activities of life. (4) To bring real neighborliness into the forefront of their lives. (5) To encourage interest in Church government and to serve on the various councils when called upon to do so. (6) To do some definite work for the parish. (7) To look up young people who have lapsed from churchgoing since their confirmation and bring them back into Church life. (8) To sponsor confirmation candidates. (9) To find means of keeping young people in the Church after the Sunday School leaving age. (10) If all these are already being done in the parish, to supply helpers to other parishes who are in most need of this kind of assistance.

Some of our national Church organizations have a

statement of objectives. We find among them worship, study, service and fellowship. If these terms have any significance for us we will find them extremely helpful in building and evaluating our programs. If worship is one of our aims we should ask ourselves what provision we make for it. Do we create an atmosphere at our meetings that is worshipful? What could we do in order to improve our worship services? If we include study among our objectives, do we provide for it? And so we question ourselves and can see objectively wherein we have succeeded and wherein we have failed.

The department of religious education is asking the young people's groups in the Diocese to seriously consider their objectives in the light of Christian ideals. We would appreciate your sending a copy of the statement you make either to the department of extension, which has asked for it on its questionnaire, or to Lois Osler, 2710 College avenue, Berkeley.

For your November programs the department of religious education will send you material on the "Preaching Mission," "Armistice Day as a Time to Consider Peace," "As a Christian How Should I Vote?" "Worship Suggestions for Thanksgiving."

Rev. A. B. Chinn to Retire

Following a vestry meeting of All Saints Church, Carmel, the announcement was made of the retirement of the rector, the Rev. A. B. Chinn, to take effect March 1, 1937, after twelve years' service in that parish. Starting his career in a rural parish in Virginia, forty-three years ago, Mr. Chinn carried on his ministry in Kentucky and Chicago before coming to California twenty-nine years ago. Mr. Chinn has served three parishes in the Diocese—Trinity, Menlo Park; Incarnation, San Francisco, and All Saints, Carmel.

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New York Suffragan Dies

The Rt. Rev. Arthur Seldon Lloyd, senior Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of New York, died in his eightieth year on July 22. Former general secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church, former Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia, former president of the Board of Missions for many years, Bishop Lloyd leaves behind him the record of an immense work well done for the Church. He has been called by many the last of the great missionary bishops of the Church, because of his life-long interest in the missionary cause.

\$3500 Given by Indians

The annual Niobrara Convocation of the Dakota Indians was held at Parmalee, on the White Ridge Reservation, August 22-24, with a setting of drought, 100 degrees of heat, a dust storm and an incipient prairie fire. On account of lack of forage for horses, the poverty of the Indians and the entire failure of crops the attendance was cut to about 1,500. Yet out of their poverty these Indians presented an offering of \$3,500 for the missionary work of the National Council.

Dr. Burke in New York City

Arriving in New York from Alaska on September 8 was Dr. Grafton Burke, who started a hospital up the Yukon River, at Fort Yukon, in 1908,

and has ever since been its director—the only physician at the only hospital within a thousand miles. He is convalescent from a complete breakdown. Last year his budget item of \$2,000 for heat was entirely cut, due to the shrinkage in missionary giving. This was an important item where for months the thermometer never rises above 50 degrees below.

Cites What Laymen Want

Roger W. Babson, distinguished statistician and recently elected a moderator of the Congregational Church, cites what he thinks laymen want in church services. He says: "Arrange for at least five services each Sunday. None of these should exceed one hour—one-half hour would be a better goal to shoot at. Use no written sermons and except when especially inspired limit your talks to fifteen minutes, repeating the same talk at 8:00, 11:00 and 5:00 o'clock."

Successor to Dr. Reiland Chosen

The Rev. Elmore McKee, formerly rector of Trinity Church, Buffalo, New York, has accepted a call to succeed Dr. Karl Reiland as rector of St. George's Church, New York City. Mr. McKee went to the Yale University as chaplain in 1927, the year when compulsory chapel attendance was abolished, and won fame by making the voluntary attendance larger than the former compulsory attendance.

Moratorium on Nine Hymns

The Rt. Rev. Henry Albert Wilson, Bishop of Chelmsford, England, has suggested a year's moratorium on nine favorite hymns which he says have been "worked to death." They are: "O God, our help in ages past," "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven," "Now thank we all our God," "All people that on earth do dwell," "We love the place of God," "City of God," "Ye watchers and ye holy ones," "The Church's one foundation" and "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us."

Anking in Financial Straits

Bishop Huntington of the Diocese of Anking reports that although the apportionment to his diocese for 1936 is \$1,989 more than in 1935, due to the change in exchange valuation between American and Chinese currency, it is really as though he were receiving \$391 less. "We shall have to close certain schools and chapels. I have to dismiss many men who have been working in the mission for many years."

G. W. Jacobs, Publisher, Dies

George W. Jacobs, a prominent churchman and publisher, died in Philadelphia on August 22 in his seventy-fourth year. Mr. Jacobs was publisher of the "Episcopal Church Series," a widely-used course of instruction for Church Schools.



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